



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW NEWSLETTER

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*Linking You to Branch Activities and to Each Other*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Halliday



Another GREAT Branch meeting! February's Branch meeting was definitely informative regarding the various activities, etc. that we can do to keep our brains and bodies healthy. Elizabeth Amini truly gave us a lot to think about and a lot to do! Have you implemented at least one of her excellent suggestions?

We are so excited that our GWA-AAUW Branch will be working with the Soroptimist International of Whittier (SIW) and Whittier High School in presenting the movie "Miss Representation." Please be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, May 23 at 4 PM in the Whittier High School Auditorium. We will be inviting all the schools that participated in the Math/Science Day at Whittier College, as well as all local high schools, colleges and women's groups. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls. Just think about some of the commercials and programs you see on TV portraying women and girls (e.g. young women in skimpy bathing suits eating a hamburger dripping on their bodies,) or programs promoting beauty contests for little girls, wearing styles and make-up more appropriate for 20 year-olds.

GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 11:30 AM  
RADISSON HOTEL, WHITTIER

"Latina Fashionista"

Reservations Due March 2



What message does this type of media send to our girls and young women? "Written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America."

AAUW does make a positive difference in women's lives, and so can you! It's DUCKY!

### **BRANCH MEETING PROGRAM**

"LATINA FASHIONISTA"

We are fortunate to have as our featured speaker this month Roseanna Garcia, a former AAUW Fellow, and holder of a BA in design and MBA in operations management from Cal Poly. She is the founder of "Latina Fashionista," a non-profit organization committed to the advancement of Latinas in the apparel industry by sharing information about education and leadership. Their programs consist of workshops, industry site visits and mentoring. She gives presentations at public middle schools, high schools and public libraries located in predominantly Latino communities. These programs encourage young Latinas to graduate from high school and enroll in college by capturing their interest in the fashion industry.

Members who know young women with interest in the fashion industry are encouraged to bring them as guests to this meeting.

## MARCH 9 BRANCH MEETING INFORMATION

Please make your reservations for the March Branch meeting by March 2. Lunch will be a Mexican buffet with Southwestern Caesar salad; Santa Fe salad (mixed greens, roasted corn, Cotija cheese, roasted red peppers, smoked tomato Pico De Gallo, cilantro lime dressing,) chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, cheese enchiladas, refried black beans, jalapeno cheese cornbread muffins, salsas, guacamole, sour cream and for dessert, coconut Mexican flan. The cost is \$25, payable at the door.

Send your reservations via email to [whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com) BY MARCH 2. Patricia Cuocco will acknowledge all reservations. If you do not have email, you may call Patricia at 562-698-6665. As usual, if you reach her answering machine OR her husband, please leave your FULL name and telephone number so that she can acknowledge your reservation. We try to accommodate late reservations, but that is often difficult, so please email or call as early as you can. Please remember, a reservation made is a reservation for which payment must be received.  
Thank you.

Dolores Seidman, Program V.P., Chair  
Patricia Cuocco, Hospitality V.P., Chair

## INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER

Easter is March 31.

Please bring something, so these families can have a great Easter dinner. Remember the bag lunch program for homeless people.

Thank you to all who have been so great in donating every month.

Shirley Stewart, Chair

## FIRST FRIDAY

Date: March 1 at 6 PM

Host: Carol and John Shupek  
6204 Southwind  
Whittier  
562-945-4931



Directions: From Whittier Blvd., go north on Painter to Hadley, turn right (east) and go to Southwind. Turn left (north) and go up the hill to 6204 Southwind. The house is on the right side of the street with green shutters. There is parking in the driveway for anyone with special needs.

Janice Cecola, Chair

## MEMORIES

Memories will hold its Wednesday, March 27 meeting at the home of Brenda Jahn at 1:30 PM. The topic is "My Best/Worst Job." If you enjoy writing and want to share your ideas in a friendly and accepting atmosphere, here is the place for you. You may always write on a topic of your own choosing if that better suits your creative juices. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The offerings prove to be entertaining or moving or stimulating. Or all of the above.

**Directions to Brenda's home:** From Whittier Blvd., turn north on Macy (a few blocks west of Beach Blvd.) At the second stop sign turn right on Janine and go to the end, turn left on Solejar, right on Villa Rita, left on N. Padonia and go to the end of the cul-de-sac. 1339 Padonia is on your left.

Carole Restovich, Chair



## SHOWGIRLS

Join the Showgirls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 3:30 PM, at the Village Theatre in Uptown Whittier. Contact Gen'nel Walters, [icugwalters@aol.com](mailto:icugwalters@aol.com) or 562-943-5333 for information on the next show. Admission is \$4.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND SOCIAL

We gave a party and many came! Many came and spent a fun filled evening. Joyce Paul and Sandy Bridges, our party planners extraordinaire, are to be commended for tending to every detail of the event. Many thanks to President Susan Halliday for the very insightful PowerPoint presentation describing the many aspects of Greater Whittier Area AAUW. Now for the good news! We have a total of 166 members. Look around. I'm certain we can find four more interested women to join and meet our 2013 goal of 170 members. Please add these new members to your roster.

Pauline Duplessis - 2423 Turnbull Canyon Rd., Hacienda Hts., 91745  
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New members can join now for \$45 for membership through June 30. Beginning March 15, new members can join for the full price of \$89 which will give them membership for over 15 months - March 15, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Either way it is a great time to join!

Lovey Sherman, Membership V.P.  
Joyce Paul, Membership V.P.  
Sandy Bridges, Membership V.P.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FASHION INDUSTRY OUTING ON SATURDAY APRIL 6

After hearing about the fashion industry from the Latina Fashionista, Roseanna Garcia, at our March meeting, members may be interested in visiting the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing (FIDM) in downtown Los Angeles (at 9<sup>th</sup> and Grand.) Every year they have a display of costumes from the Oscar nominated movies that continues until April 27 on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM. It's a free event and there is parking underneath the building. Although you can attend on your own at any time it is open, we are planning a Branch outing on Saturday, April 6 in the morning with car pools from Whittier or surrounding areas. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dolores Seidman at [deeseidman@gmail.com](mailto:deeseidman@gmail.com) (or 323-721-8230 if you do not have email) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Sign ups will also be taken at the March 9 meeting.

**WALKERS**

Thursdays - 9 AM  
MARCH



- 7 La Mirada Creek Park  
Meet in parking lot off  
Santa Gertrudes
- 14 Schabarum Regional Park  
(by request)  
Meet in parking lot by the front  
entrance kiosk
- 21 Whittwood Town Center  
Meet in front of Panera Bakery
- 28 Murphy Ranch Park  
Meet in parking lot at the end of  
Youngwood

Hope to see all of you on Thursdays!  
Shirley Stewart, Chair

**GARDENING SECTION**

The Gardening Section is now meeting on the **third Monday of each month at 1 PM**. We are extending a special invitation to new members.

The day after St. Patrick's Day (and we are still green) March 18, at 1 PM we are scheduled to weed the flowerbed at the transitional shelter. We will meet at the home of Barbara Gile and have light refreshments and then travel to the secret location. This is to preserve confidentiality for the shelter clients. We count this time as community service and it helps to maintain our image.

If you have small cuttings to donate bring them and we might find a place for them. The color scheme is mostly yellow and white. Be sure to wear a hat, and wear gardening clothes.

Barbara Gile [whittieraauw@me.com](mailto:whittieraauw@me.com) or  
call 562-693-7279

## TECH TREK MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Last year our Branch earned \$800 for Tech Trek by volunteering to docent at the Pasadena Design House. This year we have the same opportunity. We are paid \$40 per four-hour shift. In 2012, some of our hearty members worked two shifts back to back. That is not possible this year.

This is a fun project because we get to see the 2013 Design House, and it would cost \$35 to \$60 if you paid to go through the house. If you volunteer for two shifts you have the opportunity to buy tickets at a discount. You meet some very interesting people such as former owners, designers, and friends.

We will car pool to Gate 6 of the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, on April 23, 24, 25, 30 through May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 14, 15, 16, 2013. We will leave Whittier at 7 AM and take the shuttle to the house to start the shift by 9 AM. The shift ends at 1 PM and we plan to be back in Whittier by 2 PM.

Mark your calendars now so we can get the best dates. Starting this year the cost of Tech Trek has gone up to \$900 per student and this is an easy fun way to raise money. Please consider helping our Branch send seventh grade girls to Tech Trek.

If you are interested contact Barbara Gile or a Myra Long Scholarship Committee member at [whittieraauw@mac.com](mailto:whittieraauw@mac.com) or 562-693-7279.



GWA-AAUW sends sincere thoughts and prayers to Carol K. Anderson and family on the passing of her husband Arthur, Sunday February 17, 2013.

## MYSTERY MAVENS

Wednesday - March 20 - 6:30 PM

*The Killings at Badger's Drift* by Caroline Graham

Reviewer: Carol K. Anderson

Badger's Drift is the ideal English village, complete with vicar, bumbling local doctor and kindly spinster with a nice line of homemade cookies. But when the spinster dies suddenly, her best friend kicks up an unseemly fuss, loud enough to attract the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby. And when Barnaby and his eager-beaver deputy start poking around, they uncover a swamp of ugly scandals and long suppressed resentments seething below the picture-postcard prettiness. Caroline Graham bases the PBS series *Midsummer Murders* on the novels.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant, 9829 S. La Serna, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the Library Room.

Reservations - Carol K. Anderson  
562-943-0728

## MORNING BOOK

We will be reading and discussing *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, by Katherine Boo, this month. A professor of Economics and Philosophy at Harvard University and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics has described the book thusly: "A beautiful account, told through real-life stories, of the sorrows and joys, the anxieties and stamina, in the lives of the precarious and powerless in urban India whom a booming country has failed to absorb and integrate. A brilliant book that simultaneously informs, agitates, angers, inspires and instigates." The book was a National Book Award winner, and the author, a staff writer for the *New Yorker*, has previously won both a Pulitzer Prize as well as a MacArthur Genius Award for her reporting. This is her first book. Please join us on Monday, March 25, at 10 AM at Gwen Woirhaye's, 5810 Friends, Whittier; 562-696-6405. The co-chairman will be Carol K. Anderson. Marian Locke will lead our discussion.

Directions to Gwen's house: North on Painter, one block west; one block north of Beverly Blvd. to number. House is on the right.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-695-6185

## MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends will be meeting Thursday, March 28 at the home of Joyce Paul. The book for the evening is *Mudwoman* by Joyce Carol Oates. This is a riveting novel that explores the high price of success in the life of one woman, the first female president of an Ivy League institution. Mudgirl was abandoned by her mother. Literally cast away, she was rescued, survived and became very successful. The story explores the price of this success. The book is being reviewed by Jill Smith at 7:30 PM and refreshments will be provided by Colleen Tan at 7 PM. Please bring your suggestions for books to read for the coming year. We will need to vote on them in April. Directions: 60 East to 57 North. Exit Temple and make a quick left onto Mission (Diamond Bar Blvd is to the right.) Go one-half mile and turn left onto Sorrento Rd., right onto Via Moreno and right onto Via Valdez. 372 is the center home. Parking is limited in the complex. Ample parking can be found on Sorrento Rd.

Joyce Paul, Chair  
Trish Carlson, Chair



# PUBLIC POLICY

By Sharon Heck



Printed below is a letter from Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations. Read it and then go to AAUW.org, click on ACT, click on 2-minute activist and send an email to your elected officials. You can make a difference.

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Was Congress Listening?

*"I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year."*

– President Obama, State of the Union address, February 12, 2013

Did you watch President Obama's speech? Not only did the president talk pay in his State of the Union address—we like to think at the urging of all our activists over the past week—he explicitly called for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. As you know, this is one of our top legislative priorities, and an issue that our community has been advocating for years. **With our nation's lawmakers focused on what we can achieve together to improve the state of our union, now is the time for us to raise our voices even louder than before and make sure Congress pays attention.**

In addition to the Paycheck Fairness Act, the president laid out an ambitious agenda on many of AAUW's priorities. While there are administrative actions President Obama can take to further those priorities, and while we will continue to urge him to take those actions, responsibility also lies with the people he was speaking to in the room—Congress. We must hold our members of Congress accountable for their action (or inaction) on the Paycheck Fairness Act; advancing a balanced approach to deficit reduction; helping prevent school violence by making our schools free from harassment and bullying; passing an inclusive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); increasing access to preschool education; and improving education opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

**Send a message to your members of Congress today and urge them to act on these key priorities laid out in the president's State of the Union address.**

**Together, we can change the state of the union – it starts with us, and it starts with Congress.**

Yours in AAUW,

Lisa Maatz  
AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
2012-2013 Membership Application

Please print neatly. The information that you list is the information that will be included in the yearbook.

\*Title: Mrs. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_ Miss \_\_\_ None \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

\*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:

AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues:

\_\_\_\_\_ General \$89.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$42.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$24.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to my payment check.

\_\_\_\_\_ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and will add \$6.50 to my payment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to advertise my business. I have included the \$15.00 fee and my business card.

Do you have a sponsor? If so, who is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required for all members. New members must complete all information.

Please remember that your dues are tax deductible.

\* PLEASE NOTIFY the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ASAP if there are any changes in your information.

## AAUW FUNDS

Thank you to all our members who donated to AAUW funds in 2012. Just a reminder that it is never too early to donate. All of the programs that are a part of AAUW funds promote equity for women and girls. One of these funds, supported under the umbrella of AAUW funds, is the Public Policy Fund, which, as you know, supports advocacy for public policies that are fair to women. In our Branch we are kept well informed about the activities relating to public policy in our monthly newsletter.

According to the January issue of LAF Express, "*Invisible War*, a film about military sexual assault that features several LAF supported plaintiffs, received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary, the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival and was listed as the 10th movie and the only documentary on *Time's* top 100 movies of 2012."

Your donations may be sent to me and I'll send them in for you. Or, you may go to the AAUW website and donate online. If you choose to do that, please let me know so we can include your donations in our total. Our Branch number is 0124. Contact me by email at [PJFretz@aol.com](mailto:PJFretz@aol.com). or mail your contributions to 14852 Jupiter St., Whittier, 90603.

Peggy Fretz, AAUW Funds Chairman

## MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE

By Sharon Heck

What a wonderful Math/Science Conference for 325 Eighth Grade girls we had on Tuesday, January 29, at Whittier College. Our success was due to all the wonderful volunteers who contributed their time to help bring it all together. We had 20 fantastic career women make three workshop presentations each. Many science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) vocations were represented and each girl heard six of them.

Some of the volunteers worked for weeks ahead of the event, and they asked me not to name them. I hope they know how much they are appreciated. Many came to help during the beautiful morning we spent on the campus, and their help is also greatly appreciated. All of the evaluations we received were very positive. One of the girls wrote, "It was a really amazing experience! (Happy Face) Thank you!"

This project truly promotes a better life for many young women, and helps to break down barriers for these young women. Again, I thank all who helped make it happen.

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS



International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 26 (note the change of date) with Ellen Larson (Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D.) Sharon Heck will lead our discussion of Egypt. There is only one copy of *Great Decisions 2013* left, so call Ellen if you want it. For further information, contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436 or [maurineb90601@gmail.com](mailto:maurineb90601@gmail.com).



## MORE NEWS FROM SUSAN



The following article is from the AAUW California website. Augusta Knuthe lived across the street from me when we bought our home in 1977. It was she who introduced me to AAUW and invited me to my first AAUW Whittier Branch meeting over 30 years ago. Augusta was a very active member in our Branch and maintains her long-term friendship with Colleen Tan.

Like Augusta, each one of us has many opportunities to invite folks we know to become a member of our wonderful GWA - AAUW (Greater Whittier Area - AAUW.) Each member in our Branch brings a special gift for all of us to enjoy.

Please join me in thanking Augusta for helping to grow our Branch, for her fine service as a public educator, and her involvement with AAUW. THANK YOU, Augusta. Happy birthday!

Susan Halliday  
President



Augusta Knuthe celebrated her 100th birthday on January 25. She currently resides at Atria Senior Living in San Juan Capistrano. She is witty, articulate and owns life experiences that provide insights into a century of people, places and events.

Augusta has always supported education and employment opportunities for women. She joined the AAUW in 1934, right after receiving her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, her mother's undergraduate alma mater, and is still associated with the San Clemente/Capistrano Beach Branch.

Augusta moved with her husband Lawrence. His job with Caterpillar Tractor as a buyer eventually brought the firm from Illinois to La Habra, where Augusta taught eighth grade for a total of 36 years. While working, she returned to college at night and earned her master's degree in social science from Whittier College.

Augusta inspires each of us to make the most of every moment, to value education for others and ourselves and to stay involved with the people and causes we love. Let's all celebrate Augusta's 100th birthday.

– Submitted by Cay Varholick, American Association of University Women

## GREATER WHITTIER AREA AAUW BRANCH CALENDAR MARCH 2013



DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Friday	1	6:00 PM	<b>First Friday</b> , Carol Shupek
Tuesday	5	7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> , St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Thursday	7	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , La Mirada Creek Park
Saturday	9	11:30 AM	<b>Branch Meeting</b> , Radisson Hotel, Whittier
Thursday	14	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Schabarum Regional Park
Thursday	14	3:30 PM	<b>Showgirls</b> , Village Theater, Uptown Whittier
Monday	18	1:00 PM	<b>Gardening Section</b> , Barbara Gile
Wednesday	20	6:30 PM	<b>Mystery Mavens</b> , Marie Callender's, Library Room
Thursday	21	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Panera Bakery, Whittwood
Monday	25	10:00 AM	<b>Morning Book</b> , Gwen Woirhaye
Tuesday	26	10:00 AM	<b>International Concerns</b> , Ellen Larson
Wednesday	27	1:30 PM	<b>Memories</b> , Brenda Jahn
Thursday	28	9:00 AM	<b>Walkers Section</b> , Murphy Ranch Park
Thursday	28	7:00 PM	<b>Modern Trends</b> , Joyce Paul

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article. It will save us a great deal of time and work. If you do not have a style sheet, please let us know and we will send one to you. Thank you for your cooperation in following these directions and for sending in your newsletter articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

REMINDER: Capitalize the word Branch

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